

REMARKS

Claims 97 and 99-107 remain pending in the application.

This Request for Continued Examination (RCE) application is submitted in an abundance of caution simply to place references before the Examiner for consideration. The references are referred to in the Information Disclosure Statement presented herewith.

Further, Applicant herewith submits an Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449 of which it does not yet have an initialed copy from the Examiner. This Information Disclosure Statement was initially submitted to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 28, 2001. To the extent the PTO-1449 has not already been initialed in the file, such examination and initialing is requested at this time, and returning of a copy to the undersigned.

Examination of claims 97 and 99-107 is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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